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ISOLATION OF ISRAEL

TODAY, on the tenth anniversary of the country, sees Israel still suffering from a sense of isolation situated as she is on the western fringe of Asia seeking admission to the European community of nations.

To Israeli leaders, the compact body of European nations seems a likelier shelter than any of the other world blocs. In this community, they argue, they find a way of life similar to their own, or the one they would wish to have, a democracy akin to their own, an economic programme which could help Israel and be helped by her.

Perhaps one of the weightiest considerations is also the conviction that Israel's requirements in arms must come from countries in Western Europe.

The greatest consideration of all, however, seems to be Israel's desire to belong and the Prime Minister, Mr David Ben Gurion, has often deplored his country's unique position, alone in a world where nations huddle together in groups.

No Place

FOR, in fact, Israel has no place in a grouping of nations linked by religion such as the Latin American states or the Islamic group because of their being no other Jewish nation.

The hostility of her Arab neighbours keeps Israel out of her natural place in the regional grouping, and it is only with the greatest difficulty that Israel has succeeded in overcoming Arab obstacles to her links with some of the countries of the Afro-Asian community.

The recent trends of Israeli policy to secure admission to the European economic and political bodies, therefore, seem to be a symptom of the urge to belong.

Importance

OVER the past few years the Western European countries have become aware of Israel's importance and are realising that association with her could be beneficial to both parties.

If the Western European countries wish to retain a foothold in the region, they can do so only in Israel as the rest of the Middle East is already divided between the United States and the Soviet Union.

The role Israel could play in the long run is that of a bridge between a new Europe, no longer "colonial" in approach, and the countries in Asia, and mainly in Africa, who eye with suspicion the expansionist plans of President Nasser of Egypt.

Inspired By Fear

TO a large extent Israel's attempts to lean on Western Europe are inspired by the fear that she might be thrown by the Soviet Union as a bone to her Arab neighbours although in effect the Russians have not taken sides in the Arab-Israeli dispute, but rather want to draw the Arabs to their side in the global tug-of-war.

Yet the possibility of an offensive launched by President Nasser and actively backed by the Soviet Union is the nightmare of the Jewish leaders.

And this fear is matched by a growing feeling among some Western European statesmen that the frontiers of Europe are now in the Middle East, which is the weakest link in Europe's defences.

Israel's inclusion in the framework of a European defence system, either through the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation or in some other form, would have a deterrent effect, and thus increase Israel's security from attack.

Will Never Explode Another N-Weapon Unless... MR K'S NEW LETTER TO IKE

It's All Up To The West

Moscow, Apr. 23.

Nikita Khrushchev promised President Eisenhower today that the Soviet Union would never explode another nuclear weapon "unless the US or Britain compels it to."

In a letter to the President delivered in Washington yesterday and released here today, the Soviet Premier said that the responsibility for continued nuclear testing laid squarely on the Western powers.

"The US and British Governments bear a great responsibility before the entire world," he said.

Concrete Deeds

He said the great powers must turn from words to concrete deeds if the world was to have peace, and he said the Soviets had "made their contribution towards the weakening of world tension and towards peace" by halting nuclear tests.

"From now on the USSR will not explode a single atom bomb, not a single hydrogen bomb, unless the USA or Britain compels it to."

He told President Eisenhower that the Soviet Government was "waiting for the US to put an immediate end to 'flights by bombers with hydrogen bomb loads in the direction of the USSR'."

The Soviet Premier said that such flights were "playing with fire."

Follow Lead

His letter followed up the formal raising of the subject by the Soviets in the United Nations Security Council earlier this week. The Soviet Premier reiterated in his new letter the call to the United States to follow Russia's lead and unilaterally abandon the testing of nuclear weapons.

He charged that President Eisenhower's message of April 8 "attempts to cast doubt on the sincerity of the Soviet move in unilaterally abandoning nuclear tests."

He once more turned down President Eisenhower's open skies plan for aerial inspection of both sides of the Iron Curtain, saying that "criss-crossing of the United States and the Soviet Union by planes 'will hardly make the peoples of both countries feel a great sense of safety and give them peace and calmness'."

Aerial photography, he said, could in fact heighten tension rather than reduce it, and thus "play into the hands of those forces which are seeking a pretext for hauling mankind into an annihilating atomic war."

United Press.

San Fernando, Apr. 23. Fire broke out in a building of the Texaco Trinidad Oil refinery here today 99 minutes before Princess Margaret was due to attend a sports meeting in the company's athletic ground.

Fire alarm sirens howled as the building went up in flames, Reuters.

TO TEST RE-ENTRY PROBLEM

VANGUARD-THOR ROCKET LAUNCHED

Cape Canaveral, Apr. 23. The US Air Force launched a huge "weather" intercontinental rocket tonight over the Atlantic and a flash was observed more than 200 miles from the launching site. But it was uncertain if the combination Air Force Thor-Navy Vanguard blew up or kept going.

The Air Force said the second stage of the two-stage combination rocket "ignited successfully."

Unwelcomed Dockers



Sir Bernard and Lady Docker.

NOW SIR BERNARD IS BARRED FROM RESORT

Monte Carlo, Apr. 23.

Sir Bernard Docker has been barred from the French Riviera, as well as Lady Docker.

A Monaco Government spokesman announcing the ban on Sir Bernard Docker, refused to give reasons or to say why the action was not taken yesterday, when Lady Docker was banished from Prince Rainier's principality for offensive behaviour — tearing up a paper Monegasque flag.

Best Legal Advice

Monaco's ban was extended today to cover the whole French Riviera.

In Paris, Sir Bernard Docker said today that as soon as he received official confirmation that he and Lady Docker were being banned from the French Riviera he would seek "the best legal advice in France."

When he arrived here by air from London on his way south to join Lady Docker in Cannes, reporters told him he was included in the ban as well as his wife.

Given 24 Hours

He replied: "Frankly, I don't believe a word of it. There have been so many communiques and statements that I don't think they know what is happening themselves."

He said he would continue by air to Nice tonight.

In Nice, French officials gave Lady Norah Docker 24 hours today to get off the Riviera.

Pierre-Jean Mailli, Prefect of the Alpes-Maritimes Department, signed the two orders providing for the expulsion of the Dockers.

His action came after the Principality of Monaco ordered Lady Docker expelled for "disrespect" to the Monegasque flag.

France had to follow suit because of a treaty with Monaco, that anyone considered as undesirable in the Principality must also be expelled from the Riviera. — United Press.

PRINCE RAINIER REJECTS GIFTS

Monte Carlo, Apr. 23.

Prince Rainier of Monaco today ordered palace officials to return the gifts which Lady Docker, wife of British industrialist, Sir Bernard Docker, sent to the palace on the birth of Crown Prince Albert.

The order was the latest development in a running feud between the Palace and Lady Docker, aged 52, who allegedly tore up in public a red-and-white Monaco flag after her son, Lance, was barred from Prince Albert's christening on Sunday.

The gifts, sent to the palace last week, were a watch inlaid in 10 francs gold piece bearing an effigy of Monaco's late Prince Albert, and a silver tray engraved with the alphabet.

The tray was a gift from Lance. — France-Press.

Five Killed And Many Injured In Disastrous Parachute Practice

Fort Campbell, Ky., Apr. 23.

Paratroopers of the 101st Division jumped today into violent wind gusts that slammed five of them to their deaths against trees and rocks as they landed.

Officers said 137 men were injured and taken to hospitals. None of the injured was reported in critical condition and most of the injuries were scratches and bruises.

All was still confusion at the sprawling base hours after the jump—made initially with a ground wind of 12 knots, just within the maximum safety limit of 15 miles an hour.

So Sudden

The disaster was so sudden that, even as he landed with his men and with them wrestled with his ballooning parachute, the 101st's commander called it a "very successful jump."

Maj-Gen. W. C. Westmoreland, who made his 70th jump today, like other officers did not know at the time that some troops had died.

A number of civilians and several high officers, including Lieut-Gen. Thomas Hickey, commander of the Third Army, watched some 1,300 men bail out en masse and descend into the mainstrom of gusty winds during Operation "Engle Wing."

The jump began from some of the 86 aircraft involved at 1,250 feet.

Rough Jump

United Press photographer Vic Cooley also was a spectator. He said it was a "rough jump."

The ground where the men landed was well covered with grass and was muddy in some spots. The jump was in two zones with men bailing simultaneously.

The jump zone was two miles long and one mile wide. The paratroopers were part of the "aggressor" force and members of the 502nd Airborne Battle Group.

One trooper had his chute wrapped around his neck by the wind as he was pulled along the ground. A Public Information Officer jumped to his aid and cut the chute away. — United Press.

RUSSIAN ARRESTED

Rome, Apr. 23.

Alexander Solovov, a member of the staff of the Soviet Military Attache in Rome, was arrested here by Italian counter-espionage agents a few days ago, the Italian Continental News Agency reported tonight.

The Agency said Solovov was found to be carrying documents of "a highly compromising nature" when he was arrested.

The Agency said that Solovov was later released after his diplomatic immunity was established.

The Italian Foreign Ministry tonight refused to comment on the report. — Reuters.

HAVE YOU sent in your nomination for Hongkong's Footballer Of The Year?

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The Leprechauns Were Playing Up

FAIRIES GAVE THIS GOVT A HEADACHE

Now They Believe In Them!

By PATRICK QUINN

Dublin, Apr. 23.

The Irish Republic's Government has decided it believes in fairies.

Mr Erskine Childers, Minister of Lands, has ruled against the violation of a "fairy palace," it was learned tonight.

The Minister has ordered a Government team to "bend" a fence so that land occupied by the "little people" is not violated.

This will allow the fairies at Belmullet, in the far west of County Mayo, to hold their traditional revels undisturbed on "Fairy Day"—May 1.

EXPEDIENCY

It was not clear tonight whether the decision of the administration was an act of simple faith—or of political expediency.

For the fairies at remote Belmullet have been causing headaches among the sophisticated ministers and civil servants here in the capital.

It all began last week when the Lands Commission began constructing a fence across agricultural land at Belmullet.

The fence was supposed to cut through a "fairy palace," a mound of earth covered with hawthorn and thicket.

Twenty workers employed by the Commission refused to build the fence across the fairy land.

They said the "good people" might show resentment and do things to them that they might "not be able to understand."

Lands Commission inspectors have been trying unsuccessfully for days to reason with the men or recruit other local labour.

A Million-year-old

Madrid, Apr. 23.

Spanish scientists today announced the discovery of the skeleton of a million-year-old elephant, which they described as the "most complete remains" ever found in Spain.

The elephant, which apparently stood about 16 feet high, was dug up at Villaverde, five miles west of here. — United Press.

GOVERNOR MAY RULE MALTA

By RICHARD KILIAN

Valletta, Apr. 24.

It looks now as though Friday will be trouble day for Malta. That is the day when parliament will be dissolved, I am told.

Laycock added: "If he refuses, I shall have to enforce emergency powers. My job now is to save Malta from itself. This crisis could end and Mr. Mintoff could end it by showing a desire to make a token effort to pay part of the expense of running the Government."

I visited the tall, greying Governor-General Sir Robert Laycock today.

CARETAKER

He smoked Turkish cigarettes while he told me: "If the Opposition Leader, Mr. Borg Olivier, says no to my request that he should try to form a Government, then I shall ask Mr. Mintoff to form a caretaker Government. It would take eight weeks before general elections can be held." And Sir

But Mr. Mintoff won't accept the role as a caretaker Prime Minister for eight weeks because he will have to ask Sir Laycock and the Colonial Office for money to meet his daily bills. So emergency rule is almost a certainty tonight.

And off the record, Maltese politicians told me Mr. Borg Olivier will refuse to form another Government. — London Express Service.

Serious Clashes In Malta

Valletta, Apr. 23. Fifteen people were reported injured tonight when police clashed with demonstrators in the streets of Valletta.

The demonstrators, supporters of Mr. Dom Mintoff's Labour Government, who resigned on Monday, used iron coils, catapults and large nails against truncheon-wielding police trying to disperse them.

While the demonstrations raged through the streets, Dr. Borg Olivier, leader of Malta's right-wing Nationalist Party, called on the Governor and told him he was not prepared to form a government without a mandate from the people.

Emergency

The Governor, Sir Robert Laycock, may have declared a state of emergency and take over the administration himself.

In tonight's demonstrations police in steel helmets escorted shouting men through the city's main streets.

Mounted police were also used to break up a noisy demonstration in a square outside British Army Headquarters.

Injured

Police advised British correspondents watching the demonstration to leave the area.

Four policemen were injured in yesterday's demonstrations, during which Queen Victoria's statue was "capped" with a dustbin.

The Labour Party newspaper, *Isleth*, today described last night's incidents as "the people giving vent to their anger against British colonialism." — Reuters.



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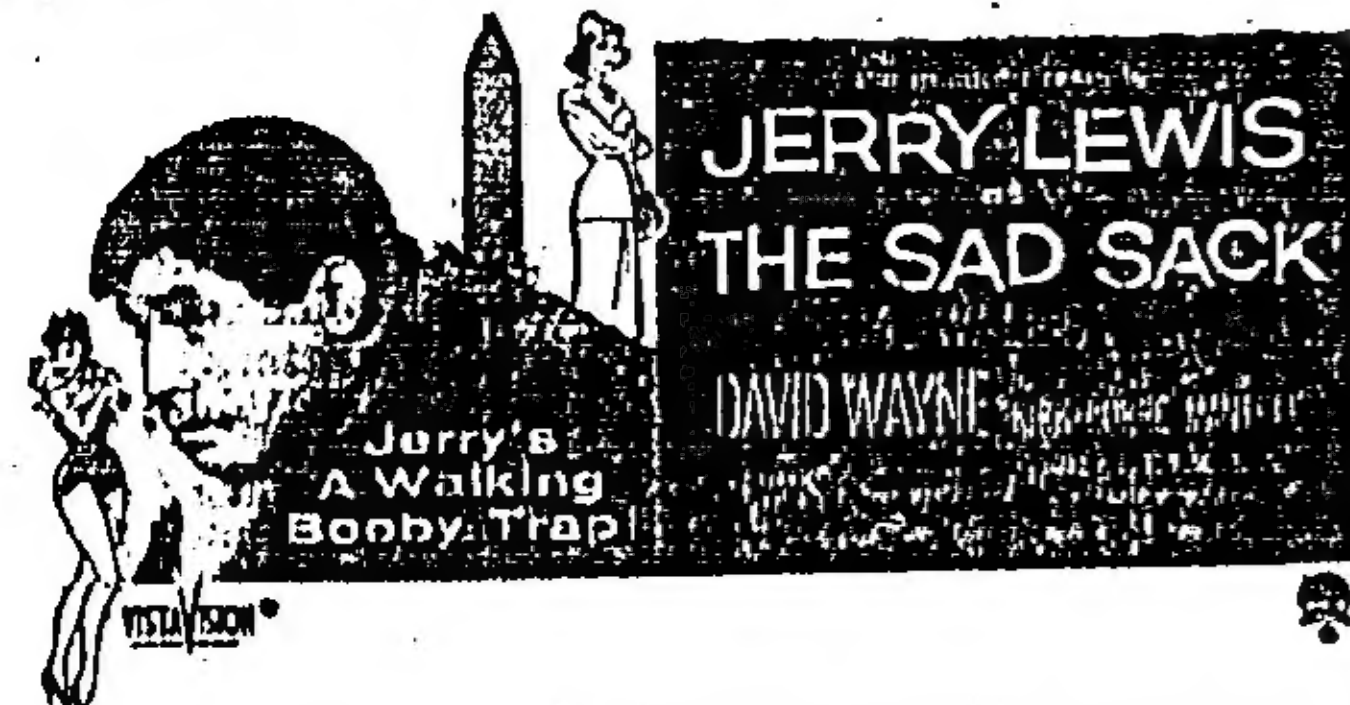
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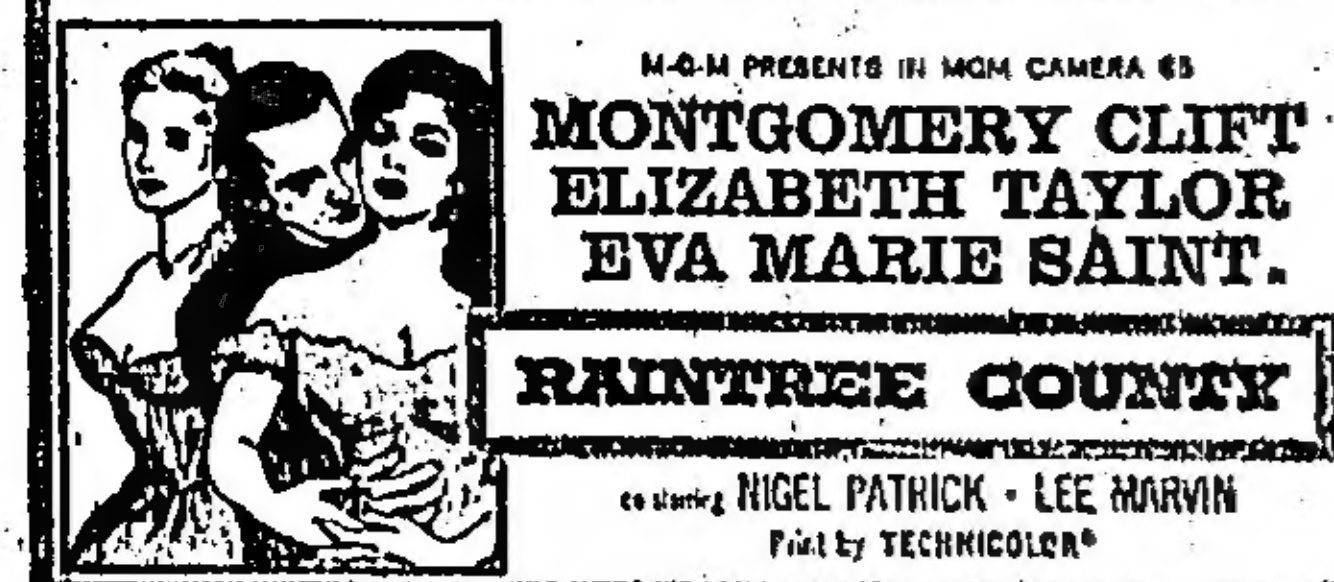
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91 Countries
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Stratford-on-Avon, Apr. 23.

Representatives of 91 countries unfurled their national flags in the streets of Stratford-on-Avon today to mark the birthday of Shakespeare.

This was a record for the poet's hometown. One new flag, that of Malaya, was hoisted by the Federation's Commissioner, Tan Sri Yacob.

At a lunch which followed, Earl Ailes, former Labour Prime Minister, proposed the toast of "The Immortal Memory."

Diplomatic representatives inter carried wreaths from Shakespeare's birthplace to lay them on his tomb in Holy Trinity Church.—Reuter.

Smallpox

New York, Apr. 23.

An emergency shipment of 400,000 doses of smallpox vaccine has been flown to Pakistan to combat an epidemic there, it was disclosed today.—United Press.

Translation Machine Possible?

United Nations, Apr. 23. A TRANSLATING machine with a storage capacity of 100,000 words that could translate at the rate of 50 words a second, was described today in the International Social Science Bulletin.

It said a machine could be produced for \$700,000 that would translate French, German and probably Russian and which would apply to any language as soon as linguistic work was done.

The article in the quarterly periodical of the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural organization (unesco) was written by A.D. Booth of London University.

"It could be constructed in a period of about two years," he wrote.

The translating machine would operate from a standard teletype tape. "Work is at present proceeding on the development of devices for the direct reading of printed characters and for the direct recognition of spoken words," the article said.—United Press.

Jewish Armed Units To Return After The Parade

Jerusalem, Apr. 23.

An Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman today reassured Jordan that armed units participating in Israel's Independence Day parade tomorrow will return to their normal bases.

Tension between Israel and Jordan has increased during the past few days following charges by Jordan that Israel was violating the Armistice Agreement by bringing in troops and armoured units for the parade. They took the complaint to the United Nations last week.

But the spokesman said that "immediately after the parade normal conditions will be restored in Jerusalem and equipment brought in will be returned."

"This was well known to all parties concerned (Jordan and the United Nations) from the very beginning," he added. At the same time, the Israeli-Jordanian Mixed Armistice Commission met to discuss the complaints. The meeting went on until early this morning but there was no announcement of any solution.

The troops and armour rehearsed the big 10th anniversary military parade today at the Stadium adjoining the new Hebrew University campus. A crowd of 5,000 watched 2,000 troops, tanks, and heavy equipment go through their paces.

The equipment included French tanks, anti-aircraft guns and self-propelled guns. Highlights of the rehearsal was the unfurling of the new colours for representatives of more than a hundred different units. The most colourful of the units were the white-uniformed Navy contingent and girl soldiers toting Uzzi sub-machineguns.

MEMORY

This evening was dedicated to the memory of the victims of the War of Independence. Memorial torches were lit in all military cemeteries and in public squares and two minutes of silence was observed at 8 p.m. local time.

In Jerusalem, President Issak Ben-Zvi reviewed a guard of veterans of Hagana—a volunteer defence force which operates underground.

Special services were held in synagogues. Three groups of United Nations Military Observers will be stationed along the route of tomorrow's parade through Jerusalem as part of the special U.N. precautions to prevent the possibility of incidents with Jordanian troops in the Jerusalem area.

This is the first time observers have stationed troops in the city.—United Press.

Sir Arthur Fadden

Canberra, Apr. 23.

Sir Arthur Fadden, Australian Federal Treasurer, announced today that he would retire from the Australian Parliament at the end of the year.

Sir Arthur last month retired as leader of the country party and deputy Prime Minister. He has been treasurer for a record term and is a former Prime Minister.—Reuter.

WORKER CHARGED WITH SEX MURDER AND RAPE

ALLEGED BID TO KILL PRETTY SOCIALIST

Sydney, Apr. 23.

Charged already with having murdered a schoolgirl and criminally assaulting another at Burwood (a Sydney suburb) a man was charged in Central Court today with the year-old attempted murder of a pretty Brisbane socialite.

He is John Charles Smith, 29, labourer, of Stratfield, a Sydney suburb, who was charged with having:

● At Brisbane, on March 1, 1958, attempted to unlawfully kill Beverly Judith McKenzie, then 19.

● On April 11, this year, murdered Margaret Thomas, 14, at Burwood.

● On February 11, this year, ravished and carnally known a 13-year-old girl, and:

● On the same day broken and entered a house at Park Road, Burwood, and inflicted grievous bodily harm on the girl.

Smith stood in the docks, hands clasped in front of him and head bowed.

He nodded a brief "yes" when the police prosecutor, Sergeant D. Goode, asked him if he would consent to a re-charge—the Burwood charges to Parramatta Court on May 12.

and the Brisbane matter to Central Court on May 30. Referring to the Brisbane charge, Sgt Goode said it would be alleged that on the night of February 28, 1957, Beverly McKenzie, was living at Ascot, Brisbane.

"She went to bed about 11.30 and 6.30 a.m. next day (March 1) her mother went to her room and found her lying unconscious," Sgt Goode said.

"She was gravely injured and had been attacked while in bed. Three serious head injuries kept her unconscious for over three weeks. Two fingers of one hand had to be amputated as a result of her injuries."

Sgt Goode said that after Smith had been arrested, he allegedly made a written statement about having been in the Ascot area.

It was alleged he entered the girl's bedroom through an open window, after climbing up

a lattice from the ground, Sgt Goode said.

Seeing her lying asleep alone, he closed her bedroom door and beat her over the head with a piece of flat iron. He then criminally assaulted her while she was unconscious.

Both Margaret Thomas and the 13-year-old girl were boarders at Sydney's exclusive Methodist Ladies College. Girls in the same dormitory as Margaret Thomas told police a man armed with a knife took Thomas from the room. Her body, stabbed in two places, was found in a nearby park.

The 13-year-old girl was attacked in the college sick bay—China Mail Special.

London, Apr. 23.

A third experimental silver tube train has gone into service on the Piccadilly underground line.

If the silver trains—which have unpainted aluminium bodies to save weight and running costs—are a success, London transport plans to use them to replace all the red trains on the Piccadilly line.—China Mail Special.

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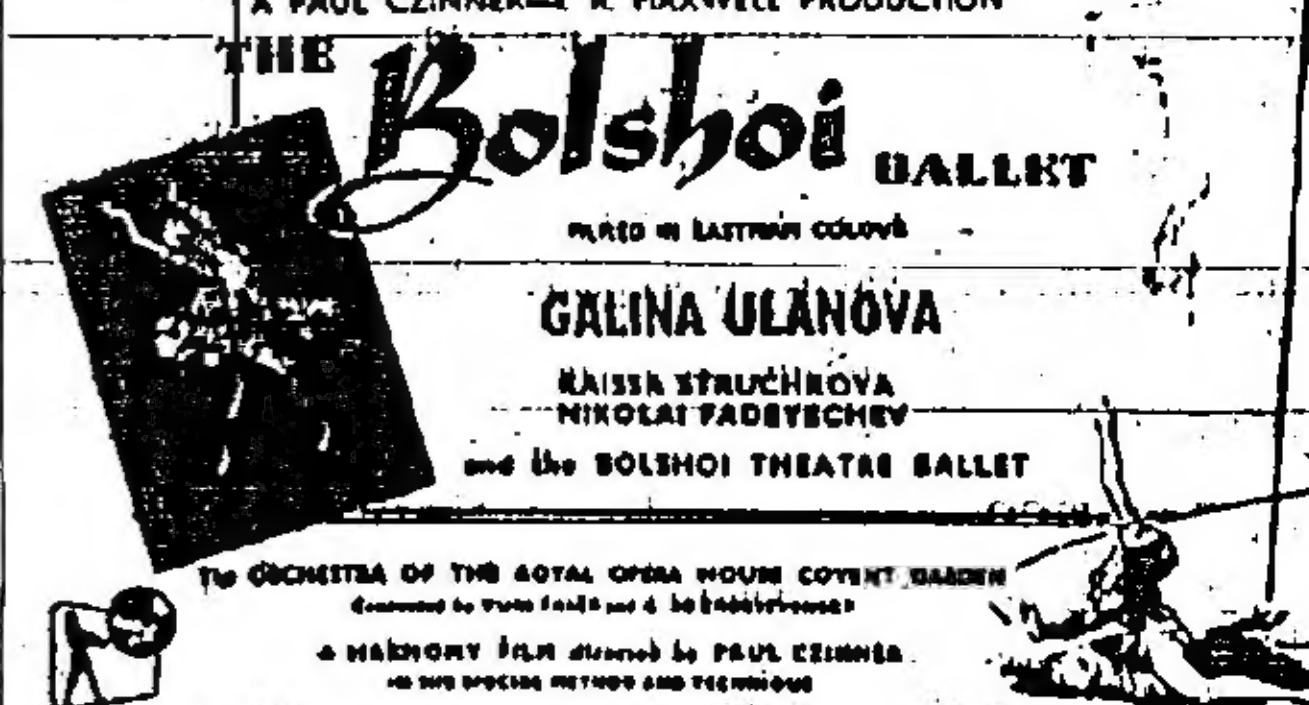
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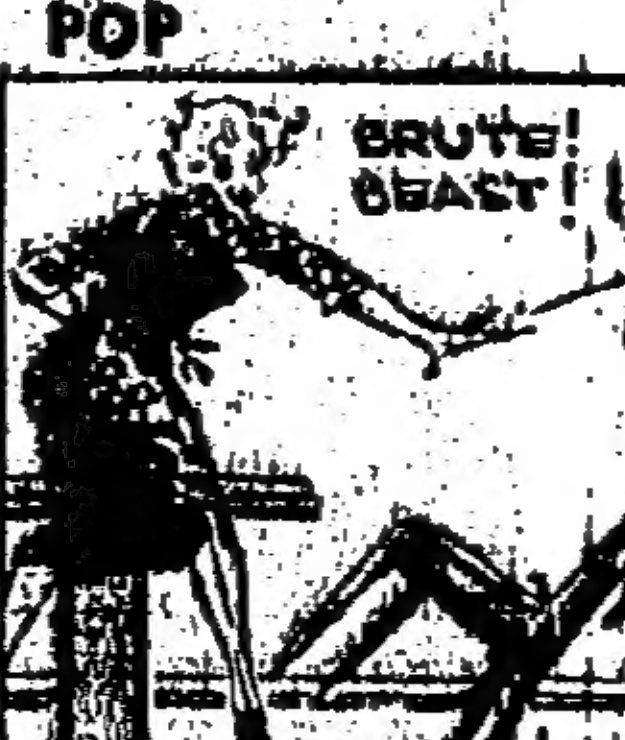


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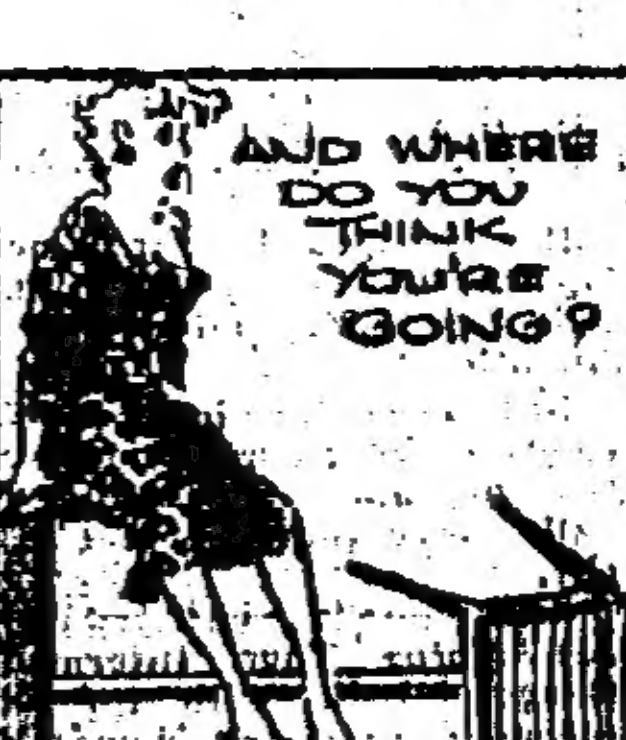
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CABLE BRIEFS

Richmond, Apr. 23. Paul E. French of Centerville, Illinois, didn't know when he had it so good. After drawing a US\$50 fine and a 60-day workhouse sentence for drunken driving, he demanded and was granted a jury trial on appeal.

The jurors hit him with a US\$100 fine and a 90-day sentence.—United Press.

Champaign, Apr. 23. Mrs. Richard Ahlgren, 25, thought she was entering a sewing competition when she filled out some forms some time ago.

Today, as a result of having filled those papers, she finds herself Mrs. Illinois, entry in the Mrs. America contest.—United Press.

Lynchburg, Apr. 23. A weekend in the custody of thieves apparently did a world of good for Mrs. Lewis Driskill's poodle.

Mrs. Driskill returned home from work yesterday and found the dog on the porch, freshly bathed and sprayed with perfume.—United Press.

Richmond, Apr. 23. Jimmy Hodge, 10, mourned the loss of a fortune today. Police told him that several hundred banknotes he found on a Thames River bank had been condemned by the Bank of England as worthless and got there en route to a power station where they were supposed to be burned.—United Press.

London, Apr. 19. A West End Knightsbridge store reported today that Londoners are either blind, over-suspicious or a bunch of homebodies.

By closing time last night, nobody had taken advantage of an advertisement printed on a four by five-inch pale blue card that was kept in the window all day offering two free return tickets to the French resort of Le Touquet to the first applicant.—United Press.

Oulton Park, Apr. 23. The loudspeaker system at Oulton Park carried this announcement today:

"Will Lloyd Wiggin, the son of Lady Wiggin, not eat his sandwiches as they have glass in them."

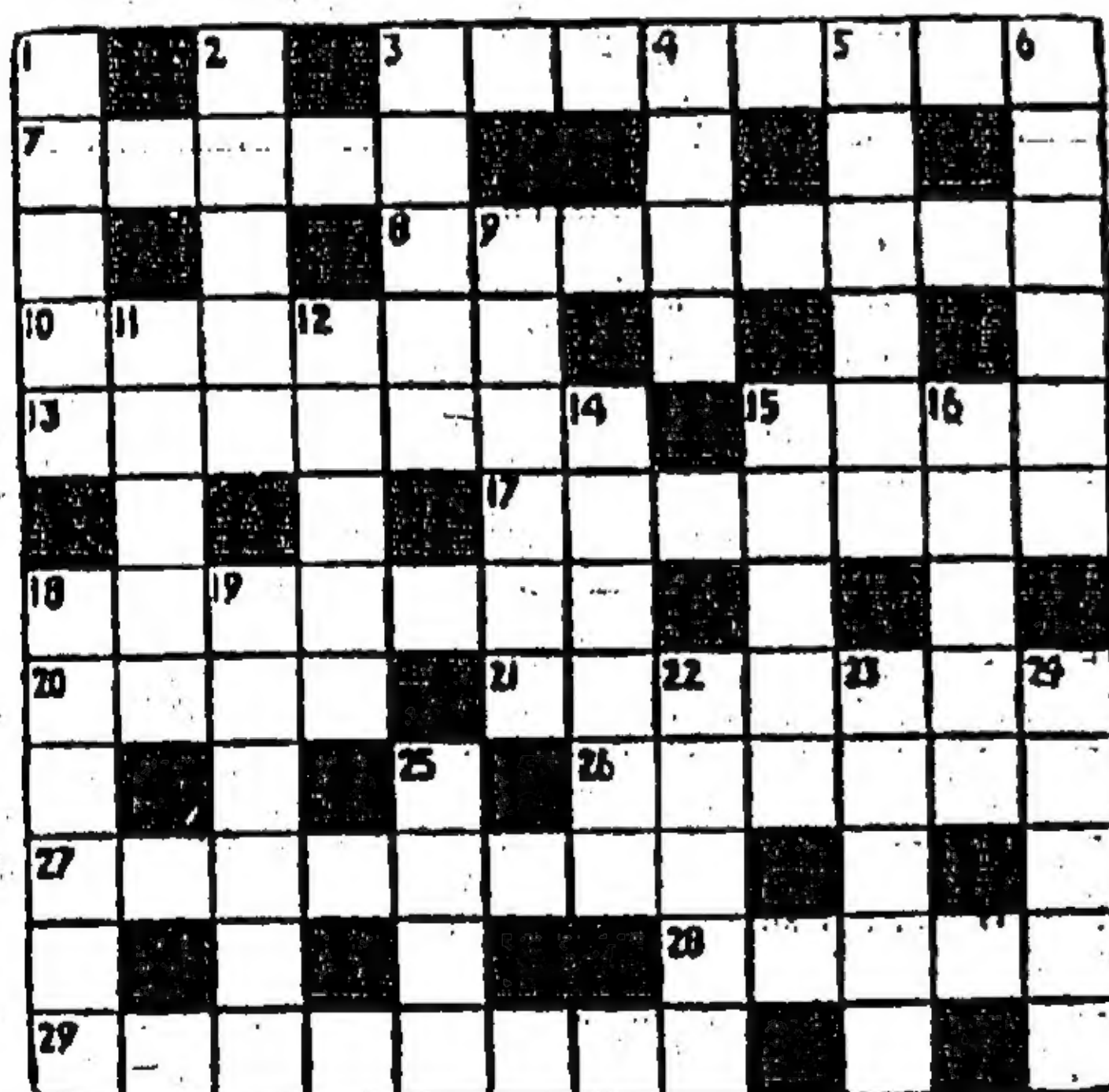
Lady Wiggin explained that after her son left home she discovered some broken glass in the butter.—United Press.

Too Short For The Job

London, Apr. 23. JAMES PURCELL, 42, window fitter, of Fortess Road, Kenilsh Town, who was fitting a spring to a sliding window in a seven-story flat off Kennington Lane, Lambeth, removed two screws holding the window from sliding too far because he was too short to reach his job.

"It was looking an unfair strain on the window," the coroner said when he recorded a verdict of accidental death at the Southwark inquest.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- The ruler of shellfish? (8).
 - Battle ground (6).
 - Oddly enough, it can raise or lower the temperature! (8).
 - In a nutshell, it sounds just like an officer (6).
 - Golden Shakespeare character? (7).
 - Are obliged (4).
 - Golden yellow birds (7).
 - Fligely (7).
 - Some are fine—(4).
 - Odd creature "down under" (7).
 - Restrain within limits (6).
 - Talks, or the opposite (8).
 - Not, it seems, hills (6).
 - They escape the bottom (6).
- DOWN**
- Puts in some cards? (5).
 - Gen of a girl! (6).
 - Miss Green? (5).
 - Clutch firmly a bit of luggage (4).
 - Service order, perhaps (6).
 - Certain vessels (6).
 - Recess (6).
 - Duck down on the bed (5).
 - What a builder does (6).
 - Serami (3, 2).
 - Famous author Jules (5).
 - Went off to Scotland Yard and turned nasty (6).
 - The standing of a golfer (6).
 - Gives notice! (5).
 - Arab boats (5).
 - A flower came up (5).
 - Ice seen in December generally (4).

WEDNESDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Scamp, 5 Silas, 8 Boudin, 9 Up-foot, 10 Pluto, 11 Nitro, 12 Logo, 13 Evens, 14 Yes-men, 15 Needle, 20 Natal, 21 Ora, 22 Slays, 23 Radio, 24 Errant, 27 Ewice, 28 Sider, 29 Sisson. Down: 1 Scullion, 2 A-gair, 3 Ebon, 4 Nyl-rod, 5 Supreme, 6 In love, 7 Acton, 14 Extracut, 15 Skelton, 16 Yelowa, 17 Silvers, 18 Raster, 21 Aye, 22 Ark.

Govt Forces Push To Seven Miles Of Stronghold

Djakarta Claims A Victory

Rebel Position Is 'Wide Open' Army Declares

Singapore, Apr. 23.

Seven miles now separate Indonesian Government troops from the insurgent Central Sumatran capital of Bukittinggi according to Djakarta reports reaching here tonight.

Pia news agency said the mountain stronghold of Solok was being encircled, and quoted the Army spokesman, Lieutenant-Colonel Rudy Pirngadie, as saying it was expected to fall soon.

A later report by Radio Djakarta said Alahan Panjang, the key to the Solok position, had fallen "and the rebel position is wide open."

The Government also claimed advances in the insurgent North Celebes and said the people in rebel-held districts there were starving, and "suffering as they suffered under the Dutch and the Japanese."

Djakarta Radio said that food and medicine were being rushed to these districts as they were re-occupied by Government troops.

On the rebel radio tonight the Central Sumatran "Premier," Mr. Sjafruddin Prawiranegara, repeated his charges that Russians were taking part in the government offensive.

Mr. Sjafruddin has ordered his representative in Europe, Mr. Sultan Muhammad Ruzid (formerly Indonesian Ambassador to Italy) to approach the United Nations on this point.

Tonight Mr. Sjafruddin said: "After carefully examining the air attacks on Central Sumatra, we have come to the conclusion that the aircraft 'knight' part are handled by experts."

"Their tactics are not those usually employed by Indonesian pilots," he declared.

Mr. Sjafruddin said he believed Russian ships had taken part in the Indonesian Government's capture of the former rebel coastal stronghold of Padang last week.—Reuter.

Mr. Sjafruddin, speaking at a luncheon of the Military Chaplains Association, said the United States was "just at the beginning of defensive nuclear weapons development" and added: "The weapons of the defender used to be more sophisticated in design than those of the attacker."

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Mr. Strauss commented that it was not nuclear testing that was the danger to humanity, but nuclear war.

"Speaking for myself, let me say that I hope and pray . . . for the time when we may abandon the development of weapons," he concluded.—Reuter.

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Mai Zetterling Weds Author

Oxford, Apr. 23. Swedish actress Mai Zetterling, 32, married David Hughes, 28-year-old author, at a registrar office here this afternoon.

Miss Zetterling was divorced in 1953, her ex-husband being Isak Lemkow, a ballet dancer. She has a 12-year-old daughter. Mr. Hughes recently published his first novel.—Reuter.

Summit: Big Three To Challenge Russia Today

London, Apr. 23.

The Western Big Three will challenge Russia in a note tomorrow to state flatly whether it is willing to continue diplomatic preparations for a summit conference, informed Western sources said today.

It was understood that the United States, Britain and France would tell the Soviets that the preliminary diplomatic talks in Moscow must be with all three Western Ambassadors together—not each one separately.

The Russians have been calling the Western envoys in one by one and have refused to have a joint meeting.

The West agreed last week to Russia's suggestion to hold preliminary diplomatic talks in Moscow. The Soviet Foreign Minister, Andrei Gromyko, saw the US Ambassador, Llewellyn Thompson, and called in Sir Patrick Reilly of Britain and the French Ambassador, Maurice Dejean, on Friday.

Faced with Soviet insistence on separate talks, the West immediately went into a diplomatic huddle and a British Foreign Office spokesman announced today that a joint written reply to the Russians had been completed.

Although its contents were not disclosed officially, it was considered certain to reject the Soviet demand for piecemeal consultations.

The Foreign Secretary, Selwyn Lloyd, said on Saturday that insistence on negotiating with each of the Western Ambassadors separately would hold up summit preparations.—United Press.

British Cars

London, Apr. 23. British car exports for the first quarter of 1958 reached a record 132,000. It was announced today. Of these, 37,000 went to the US.—United Press.

Lana's Daughter

Santa Monica, Apr. 23. A JUVENILE court judge here will decide tomorrow the future of actress Lana Turner's 14-year-old daughter, Cheryl, who killed her mother's lover, Johnny Stompanato, three weeks ago.

Cheryl has been detained in the juvenile hall since the night of the killing. She is charged with a felony when she stabbed Stompanato with a carving knife in the kitchen of her mother's Beverly Hills home.

Meanwhile, an inquest on Stompanato returned a verdict of "justifiable homicide" in the killing, and the District Attorney, William H. Harker, has said he would prosecute Cheryl, although the latest trend

ISN'T SHE SWEET?



PRETTY Adrienne Wheeler, 17, makes a fuss of "Peggy Sue"—a three-hour-old pigmy donkey—born recently at Whipsnade Zoo.—Key-stone.

"ONLY ONE CRITICISM"

Britain's Press Serves It Well: Macmillan

London, Apr. 23.

Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, proposing a toast to the Press at the annual dinner in London of the Newspaper Press Fund, said that taking the broad view, he thought Britain "extremely well served" by its Press.

But he added: "If I had any criticism to offer, it would be on the score that the daily headlines tend to spread a certain aroma of pessimism and doubt."

"I don't think this is very good for our morale as a nation."

"It is surely possible to be sanguine without being complacent."

"The trouble is, of course, that things that are going right and smoothly, or things that are not controversial, are simply not news."

"I can only ask you to keep a ready eye open for such items as make cheerful as well as interesting reading."

CHEERFUL

Contending that there were "some excellent reasons why the people of this country should feel cheerful," the Prime Minister said the standard of living was far higher than ever before.

"At moments when we could very well be cheerful we look superciliously round the corner for the piece of gloom which we are convinced awaits us."

"The Press itself suffers a little from the same mood of apprehension."

Mr Macmillan also said: "One gets the impression that the newspaper industry is in a state of considerable anxiety because of television."

"I am not quite clear whether these feelings arise from the fear that television

will make us illiterate and unable and unwilling to read, or whether it is because commercial television is taking a slice of the advertising allocations of commerce and industry."

"So far as advertising revenue is concerned, I am told that the amount now being spent on Press advertising is of the order of £100 million annually, and that this is a figure which shows signs of increasing rather than decreasing."

The Prime Minister declared that he had the impression there was newspaper "complacency and restraint" in the presentation of news and views.

He added: "In particular there has been a great deal of sensitivity about the appearance of Ministers on television, whether in brief interviews in the news or in regular, weekly interview and discussion programmes."

"Here again I think that fears are a little exaggerated."

"It is hardly reasonable to expect that a Minister should refuse to have any truck with television news and programmes, and it is true that television does give the Minister and the politician the opportunity of speaking directly to his audience.—Reuter.

So This Is A Sandwich!

Montreal, Apr. 23. A SPECIAL commission of the International Air Transportation Association (I.A.T.A.) today announced its definition of a sandwich.

It must be: 1. Cold; 2. Open or closed; 3. Made in large measure of bread, rolls or "something like bread"; 4. Unadorned; 5. Self-contained (that is, it should not resemble a plate of cold cuts); 6. Cheap.

The last category prohibited too much filling and banned such foods as: caviar, smoked salmon, oysters, lobster, game, asparagus and pate de foie gras.

The commission was asked to define a sandwich after I.A.T.A. was asked to set a standard for sandwich meals to be served aboard trans-Atlantic economy-class flights.

An airline had complained of the size and content of sandwiches served by some European companies.—China Mail Special.

FIDEL CASTRO ADMITS A FAILURE General Strike Bid Recently

Havana, Apr. 23.

Rebel leader Fidel Castro's civilian "brain trust" publicly admitted today the failure of the attempted April 9 general strike aimed at overthrowing the government of President Fulgencio Batista.

But, in a manifesto issued in Santiago de Cuba after a weeklong session of the group "somewhere in Oriente Province," the rebels said the abortive strike had given a "clear demonstration of the violent force of the revolutionary movement."

LEADERS

The statement was the first public pronouncement on the failure to come from the leaders of the insurgent July 26 Movement headed by Castro. It said that plans for the "immediate future" include a step up of military action and sabotage, the pursuit of those who impose "tyranny" in the island, and the "elimination of uniformed assassins."

Five unidentified men pulled a daring daylight raid, tied up employees and set fire to the plant of the Guanabacoa Textile Company in the nearby beach resort, and escaped.—United Press.



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FRATERNAL GREETING—



Guns-and-Gongs War

DONALD WISE, reporting

Indonesia's civil war, sends this

despatch from CENTRAL SUMATRA

BLACK-PAINTED "pirate" planes are stepping up the tempo of night-time arms-drops to rebel troops holed up in the 10,000-foot mountain range ahead of us, while their strongholds of Padang and Bukit Tinggi prepare for battle.

I am with Indonesian Government troops waiting for the time to attack.

By road into the rebels' strongholds roll trucks with petrol, oil, sugar, medical supplies—everything needed for a siege.

Hitherto all hands have shown a strenuous desire to dodge combat in this wonderfully civil war.

And the chances are that the blockaded port of Padang and the rebel capital with its radio station at Bukit Tinggi will not be desperately defended.

But if they fail, the war against President Soekarno's Djakarta-based Government will not be over.

Rebel Premier Sjafruddin's able army chief, Colonel Simbolon, is burrowing his men into a labyrinth of bunkers and strongpoints built by the Japanese in 1945.

The "pirate" B29's side-slip past razor peaks by moonlight in some of the "hairiest" flying country in the world to drop arms to these men.

The planes, says the Government, fly from air-strips in the Philippines and Formosa.

They bring 75-millimetre guns, bazookas, mortars, and Brens.

And newly arrived ack-ack guns in the rebel mountains keep Soekarno's B25 Mitchell bombers too high to do any damage.

Booming gongs and tootling flutes sound air-raid warnings, but no one bothers to take cover.

Meanwhile Soekarno's paratroops, in their red berets and yellow-and-green camouflage suits, are slogging westwards to try to cut the supply road to Padang.

They are efficient, well-disciplined. Their Russian jeeps and trucks make them mobile and keep them well supplied.

The curious thing about this war is that anyone can "get into the act" armed only with monumental patience and a fistful of rupiahs, the Indonesian money.

"No doubt you will want to get to Padang and see Sjafruddin," said beaming Government officials to me.



Dr Subandrio, the Indonesian Foreign Minister, said the other day that operations against the rebels in Sumatra had entered their final phase and would be over very soon.

PAUL TANFIELD

THIS artist of the year, the painter of "beautiful women, children, and angels," talked to me the other day of his future—now that he has been hailed as a genius for the portrait of the Countess of Dalkeith.

John Ralph Merton's painting has been called technically perfect.

It won the Royal Academy's first "A" award for 20 years—and lifted him into a predicted £10,000-a-picture class.

In the ultra-modern studio of his Queen Anne house at Enford, Wiltshire, Mr Merton said: "I don't think it will make all that difference. I have more commissions than I can carry out now."

"Anyway, there are few people who can afford £10,000... and many of those I may not wish to paint."

"At the moment I'm resting. I did 15 hours on the last day of my portrait of Lady Dalkeith. In all I did 1,500 hours on it... 1,400 of them perspiration and 100 inspiration."

Merton himself presents a very different portrait from the popular picture of an artist.

He is surrounded by period furniture in a converted farm-house standing in five acres of beautiful grassland. He is always immaculately dressed when he works... no artist's smock, but, at the same time, no smudges of paint on his clothes.

"Might have to pop off to town at any time, you know," he says.

As I was preparing to leave his studio, he switched off the carpet-sweeper blower with the heating element beside his easel, the textile industry colour-matching lamp, and the Beethoven music to which he works.

Then he took off his surgeon's pragmatic spectacles and put on a neat grey jacket over a striped shirt and striped tie.

He had finished work for the day and his chauffeur was waiting to drive



Artist John Merton with his wife and daughters Clarissa, Sarah, and Nicola at their Wiltshire home

him and his family to London in one of the two Merton cars.

Two of his daughters—Sarah, 17, and Clarissa, 15—were off to Paris for a holiday, and Sarah is staying on for

finishing school. Nicola, aged nine, goes to boarding school next term. Mr Merton, who is 44, and left the Army after the war with the rank of lieutenant-colonel ("but please DON'T call me Colonel") admits all his wealth doesn't come from painting. "Unearned income helps a lot," he said. "From a wealthy grandfather, you know."

BUY! BUY! BUY!

THAT'S IKE'S MOTTO TO BEAT THE SLUMP. BUT IT ISN'T PLEASING EVERYONE...

SPRINGTIME at last in America and the plan is obviously to "sales talk" the country out of the recession. "Buy," says the President in a one-word answer on how to make the recession recede. "Buy what?" asked a reporter, and the President replies with another one word... "Anything."

Later, after being advised that his own Secretary of the Treasury, Clinton Anderson, who was happier in charge of the Navy, had just been telling people to save by investing in Government bonds, the President hedged and said he had always been an advocate of selective buying.

Today we are having some realistic words in Washington and New York, and more important than either, in Detroit, which used to be called the arsenal of democracy.

Mr Eisenhower, abandoning his coy attitude to big business men, has cutting words for the motor-car moguls.

He says: "Look here, once America just buys the things it wants, our manufacturers will be busy making them."

As the late spring shines on the land and the blossoms bloom there are signs of new heart and faith, although industrial production as a whole is down 11.7 per cent from last year, and steel production is only 48 per cent of capacity.

What is going to happen? The President and his advisers say: "Cut prices and the people will buy and the recession will fade away. Don't have too much Government influence."

Not many people agree with him. The labour leader, George Meany, says: "We are in a depression right now and the Administration is doing nothing about it."

Certainly President Eisenhower seems to be bumbling along compared to the energetic Mr Truman, who scoffs: "I'd certainly be doing something. I certainly wouldn't be just sitting around and playing golf."

Now Mr Truman, putting steel in the spine of Washington, advocates a \$1,000,000,000 tax cut for middle and low-

income groups, and a five-year plan of increased Government spending.

This has made everyone in the Cabinet, except Vice-President Richard Nixon, slumber.

Ike has lived, and in the past thrived, on "the freest of free enterprise, rugged individualism," not this camouflaged Socialism which Truman suggests.

Nixon fumes

AS for Nixon, he is fuming that the Democrats, who galvanized by Truman, will get all the credit for a tax cut when it was he, Richard the Lionheart, who first suggested it all Americans hope prosperity as part-cure for the recession.

It is true he was, but he was out of line with the rest of the Cabinet, and the President has been easing him from the spotlight ever since or at least not increasing the candlepower.

The unemployed themselves are not particularly interested in an income-tax cut; after all they have no income.

All over the country people are asking what is going to happen to America and in America if things go on like this. The resulting babble of answers is confusing.

But my own opinion is that the situation will deteriorate. I would not be surprised if the unemployment figure reached 7,000,000 by the end of the year. Anyway spring is here and Lionheart, who first suggested it all Americans hope prosperity as part-cure for the recession.

AND YOUR SCORE?

Answers to Health Quiz.
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Twenty questions to test you—and to assess whether you worry unduly about your health. It is a quiz in which you cannot cheat, for it is not necessarily the correctness of each reply that counts but the mental attitude your answers reveal.

1. Do you check your watch-by-the-radio?
(a) every day?
(b) every week or so?
(c) whenever you happen to have the chance?
2. On the whole do you consider tidiness to be:
(a) overrated?
(b) a prime necessity for any efficient concern?
(c) a useful habit?
3. Would you say that many people worry too much about their health?
(a) Yes.
(b) No.
4. If you found that you had invited 13 people to a party, would you:
(a) hurriedly invite someone else?
(b) Put someone off?
(c) Leave the number alone?
5. If you have an appointment are you usually:
(a) on time as near as you can make it?
(b) a few minutes early, on the whole?
(c) possibly a few minutes early or late either way?
6. Do you smoke too much?
(a) Yes.
(b) No.
7. Which one of these qualities would you say was the most important for an executive?
(a) Attention to detail?
(b) Capacity for hard work?
(c) Analytic grasp of facts?
(d) Understanding people?
8. After you have left your house, whether for work or anything else, do you sometimes look to see whether you have left your keys behind?
(a) Yes.
(b) No.
9. Do you keep a careful note of all your expenses?
(a) Yes.
(b) No.
10. Are you worried about the H bomb?
(a) Yes.
(b) No.
11. Are you insured against fire?
(a) Yes.
(b) No.
12. Do you agree that doctors should be frank with their patients?
(a) Yes.
(b) No.
13. Do you enjoy trying out strange foods?
(a) Yes.
(b) No.
14. Would you agree that most news these days was bad news?
(a) Yes.
(b) No.
15. Do you always wash your hands before eating?
(a) Yes.
(b) No.
16. When in a crowded lift, has it ever occurred to you there might be an accident?
(a) Not really.
(b) Yes, sometimes.
17. Do you like your evening meal:
(a) more or less at the same time every day?
(b) whenever it is most convenient?
(c) always at the same time?
18. Would you say that many employees need fairly close supervision at work?
(a) Yes.
(b) No.
19. Do you feel you work harder than most of your friends?
(a) Yes.
(b) No.
20. Do you think that a good boss should be aware of all the decisions made by those working for him?
(a) Yes.
(b) No.

Answers at foot of page.

Look!

Hidden Time!

Golden Dreams

by Rolex...

Never before such fabulous fashion to circle pretty wrists. Here are new watches by Rolex, with hand-wrought or jewelled lids covering their time-telling faces. Even the bands of these watches are of gold kidkin or pure gold. A flick of the finger and you have the most precise timepieces possible in such tiny watches—the proud achievement of Swiss craftsmen. Rolex have designed these Golden Dreams for the woman who wants her watch to be absolutely accurate, and yet look like an important fashion accessory. Come and see the whole series of these beautiful bracelet-watches.

ROLEX

A landmark in the history of Time measurement

BOXING'S UPSET OF THE YEAR

Willie Toweel Loses In Seventh To Unknown Frenchman

Glasgow, Apr. 23. Guy Gracia, of France, brought off one of the biggest boxing upsets of the year by defeating South Africa's Willie Toweel, number four in the world Lightweight rankings, in seven rounds here tonight. Gracia is unranked. The referee stopped the fight after Toweel, holder of the British Empire title, had taken two counts of nine and lay spreadeagled against the ropes in his own corner.

Toweel was well ahead on points and at the end of the sixth round it was Gracia who was in trouble. The Frenchman's nose was bleeding profusely.

Chancellor's defence enabled Gracia to get in a powerful right to the head which floored Toweel early in the seventh round.

After taking a count of nine in a kneeling position, the

dazed Toweel ran into another right which put him down again for nine.

When he got up again a left-right combination sent Toweel flying into his own corner and the referee halted the bout which had been scheduled for ten rounds.

It was only the second defeat of Toweel's career. The 24-year-old South African has had 42 contests, winning 20 inside the distance.

Gracia, 20, has fought over 50 contests, losing 14 and drawing two.

Tonight's bout was contracted at 9 st 11 lb — two pounds above the lightweight limit of 9 st 9 lb.

The weights were not disclosed at the noon weigh-in.

Chungking Beat Ceylonese 7-1

Paris, Apr. 23. The visiting Ceylonese football team was defeated 7-1 by a Chungking team in a friendly match in Chungking this afternoon, Radio Peking announced.

The match was watched by 25,000 spectators, the Radio said. The Ceylonese team will soon leave Chungking for Peking, where they will play a round of matches with civilian and services team. —France Press.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

12th RACE MEETING

Saturday 19th and Sunday 26th April, 1958
(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 20 RACES

The First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m. on both days.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED. All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable prior to the Meeting from the Club's Cash Sweep Office, at Queen's Building, Chater Road and Nathan Road, Kowloon, only on the written introduction of a Member, and on production of his Guest Record Card. Members are limited to 6 guests each Race Day, and will be responsible for all guests introduced by them.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Bay (Tel. 72811).

The 6th Floor is reserved for Members and Ladies wearing Ladies' Brooches.

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years. Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths or Pay Out Booths in the Enclosures.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$10.00 each for both days and \$20.00 for each day may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, Chater Road, and 5, D'Aguiar Street during normal office hours and until 11.00 a.m. on the last day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

In the case of two-day Race Meetings, Through Tickets may be purchased for each day of the Meeting provided that the second day is on a date not less than five days after the first day. In all other cases Through Tickets will only be sold for the whole Meeting.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 19th April, 1958, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to him and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from Subscription Lists without stating reasons for their action.

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby scheduled to be run on 10th May, 1958, at \$20.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at—

Queen's Building (Chater Road) and 5, D'Aguiar Street on Mondays to Fridays

Saturday, 12th April 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Saturday, 19th and Sunday, 20th April 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

322, Nathan Road, Kowloon

Mondays to Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, 12th April 9 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.

Saturday, 19th and Sunday, 20th April 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

TOTALISATOR

Bettors are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER. NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bettors, makers, the Tote men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. S. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Bad Behaviour On The Ice

Prague, Apr. 23. Four Czechoslovak international ice hockey players were barred today from all sporting activities for periods of up to a year for bad behaviour during three matches against a Soviet team last February.

Three other members were formally "reprimanded" when the ice hockey section of the State Sports Committee met to consider the incidents today.

The coach, Vladimir Sukora, and the team managers, Josef Hrdka and Jiri Tozicka, were also rebuked.

The worst offender, Josef Cech, of Slavia Club, Bratislava, was also barred from playing in any international match for two years.

The incidents occurred in matches between junior teams of the two countries at Pilsen, Opava and Prague. —China Mail Special.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

Results in tonight's English and Scottish football matches were:

LEAGUE I

Blackpool 0-0 Everton

Manchester U. 1-1 Sheffield U.

Barrow 0-0 Sheffield U.

Preston 1-1 Sheffield U.

Leeds 1-1 Sheffield U.

Nottingham 1-1 Sheffield U.

Sheff. Wed. 1-1 Sheffield U.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL GREAT PERFORMANCE BY HERB SCORE

New York, Apr. 23. Herb Score, looking like the million dollars Red Sox once bid for him, struck out 13 men and held the Chicago White Sox to three singles today in pitching the Cleveland Indians to a 2-0 victory.

Score's pitching performance was the best one he turned in since being hit by a line drive off Gil McDougald's bat in a game against the Yankees last May.

Billy Pierce gave up seven hits in suffering his second defeat of the season. The Indians scored their first run in the second inning on a double by Rocky Colavito. Chico Carrasquel's single and Carroll Hardy's sacrifice fly, Bob Avila homered in the fourth. The loss was Chicago's fourth in a row.

Red Sox Win

The Boston Red Sox ended a five-game losing streak by beating the Baltimore Orioles, 7-5, with the aid of a neat ninth-inning relief job by Murray Wall.

Wall was summoned into the game with the bases full and one out in the ninth after like Delock had faltered in relief of Tom Brewer. Wall proceeded to get Dick Williams on a pop up and Brooks Robinson on a force out.

Pete Runnels led Boston's 10-hit attack, driving in two runs on three singles. Foster Costello and Gus Triandos each homered for Baltimore.

The loss was charged to Charlie Beaman, who relieved starter Skelny Brown after Brown dislocated his thumb in the first inning.

Boston broke a 2-2 tie with three runs in the fifth on singles by Brewer, Ted Williams and Jackie Jensen, and walk and Frank Malzone's double.

The Scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Baltimore 2-0 Red Sox 12-0

Easton 200-031-014 7-10-2

Brown, Beaman (2), Zverink (5), Walker (7), Lehman (8) and Triandos; Brewer, Delock (9), Wall (9) and White, WP-Brewer (1-1). LP-Beaman (0-1).

Triandos (3rd). HRS-Kirkland (2nd), Spencer (3rd).—United Press.

Chicago 0-0-0-0-0 0-3-1

Cleveland 0-1-0-0-0 2-7-3

Pierce (0-2) and Lollar, Battey (8); Score (2-1) and Brown; HR-Avila (1st).—United Press.

St. Louis 5-0-0-0-1-1-7-11-2

San Francisco 0-0-1-0-2-4-8-12-1

Jones, Paine (8), Martin (9), Clark (9) and Katt. Gomez.

BOOTED IN AGAIN

Moscow, Apr. 23. Soviet sports authorities today readmitted star centre forward Edmund Streltsov to the national soccer team from which he was booted out three months ago on charges of "hooliganism."

Streltsov, fair-haired, 20-year-old idol of Russian soccer lovers, was included in a list of 40 players which was submitted to the organizers of the World Cup Tournament in Sweden in June as the Soviet entry.

Streltsov was dropped from the team on charges of participation in a drunken brawl, disobeying the coach's orders and "hooliganism." —United Press.

England Team v. Portugal

London, Apr. 23. England's team to play Portugal in a soccer international at Wembley here on May 7 is the same as that which beat Scotland 4-0 at Hampden, Glasgow, on Saturday.

The team is Hopkinson (Bolton); Howe (West Bromwich Albion), Langley (Fulham); Clayton (Blackburn), Wright (Wolverhampton Wanderers), captain, Slater (Wolverhampton Wanderers); Douglas (Blackburn), Charlton (Manchester United), Kevan (West Bromwich), Hynes (Fulham), Finney (Preston). —China Mail Special.

Setting Star Wins City And Suburban

Exton, Apr. 23. Major L.B. Holliday's Settling Star won the City and Suburban Handicap, run over one mile and a quarter, here today.

Sir Victor Gasson's Prince Moon was second with Sir W.M. Cooke's Wheatley third, 12 ran.

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NEW BRITISH YACHT MAY WIN BACK CUP FROM THE AMERICANS

By ADRIAN BALL

London. A British beauty is to cross the Atlantic to compete against an equally sleek American rival. Her vital statistics (in feet) are roughly 70-12-44.

Thousands of British sea-faring men are already in love with her, and they are confident she will break many more hearts on the other side of the Atlantic.

Her name is simply Sceptre — and she is Britain's entrant for the America's Cup race, to be staged this September for the first time in 21 years.

Sceptre, an international 12-metre yacht, has taken shape under conditions of almost wartime secrecy in the yard of Alexander Robertson and Sons in Sandbank, Argyllshire.

She was launched on April 2-3, a day which might subsequently prove to have been one of the most auspicious in the history of British yachting.

For more than a century British yachtsmen have had to look to their American brethren. Now there are high hopes that Sceptre will bring back to Britain, after 107 years, the trophy yachtsmen lovingly call the "old mug."

It all began in 1851, the year of the Great Exhibition. Queen Victoria presented a trophy, to be raced at Cowes, Isle of Wight, called the Royal Yacht Squadron 100 Guinea Cup.

Unknown Schooner

The contest, which took place on August 22, 1851, was all-British, except for an "unknown" schooner which had been sailed across the Atlantic by a syndicate of American sportsmen.

This 101-foot long vessel was called the America and it beat 17 British rivals of various rigs and sizes in a memorable race around the Isle of Wight.

British yachtsmen were staggered by the Americans' speed, and they bore their trophy home in understandable triumph to the New York Yacht Club.

Subsequently, rules for challenge contests were drawn up and the trophy came to be known as the "America's Cup" — the most coveted, the most jealously defended of all yachting prizes.

There have been 16 subsequent challenges for the Cup — 14 of them British, two Canadian. British yachtsmen are estimated to have spent at least £4,000,000 sterling in their fruitless efforts.

The last British challenge was made in 1937 by Sir (then Mr) Thomas Sopwith, in his Endeavour II. Sir Thomas had also been unsuccessful in 1934 — although he was only narrowly beaten in that year.

Before him, Britain's challenge had been borne by Sir Thomas Lipton, who made five attempts with his famous Shamrock series of yachts between 1893 and 1930. Sir Thomas Lipton spent at least £500,000 sterling in the trying to wrest the Cup from the Americans — in days when a "pound was a pound."

The rules of the race have changed several times. Originally the challengers had to race a whole fleet of defending American yachts. Then, until 1897, the defenders could name their yacht on the day of the race, thus choosing one suitable for the prevailing conditions.

Main Bugbears

But, until December 1935, the main bugbears in the rules for British challengers were those specifying the size of the vessel and stipulating that it had to cross the Atlantic first.

The vessels taking part in the contest until 1935 had to be expensive "4" class yachts, with a crew of upwards of 20. The rules insisted that they had to sail the Atlantic "on their own bottoms."

This meant that the British challengers until 1937 all had to be designed for ocean-worthiness as well as pure racing ability. This gave the Americans a clear and admitted advantage in their defence of the Cup — but, of course, the original America had also crossed "on her own bottom."

In 1936 it became clear that the cost of building "4" class

Wrexham, Apr. 23. Wales beat England by two goals to one after leading 1-0 at half time in an International watched by 20,000 here tonight.

It was the first time Wales had played in intermediate international football and their victory ended England's unbeaten run of three games this season.

Ken Leek scored for the Welsh team in the first half. Brian Clough levelled for England after half time and Bryan Orritt headed the winning goal for Wales in the last minute.

Army Referees' Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Army Referees' Association will be held at the NAAFI Club, Chatham Road, Kowloon, on Saturday from 10 a.m.

Benaud Takes The MCC To Task

Sydney, Apr. 23. Australian Test all-rounder Richie Benaud today took the MCC to task for its intention that the coming Australian tour be limited to 20 matches.

In his weekly column in the Sydney Sun, Benaud deplored the fact that only three country matches will be played.

"If things keep on going this way, I suppose England will be popping over here to play five Test matches — and then popping straight home again."

"Surely the MCC must realise what damage can be caused to country cricket by this incessant calling for fewer matches," he said.

Benaud said England always made sure that when a touring team visited Britain, "country" counties were well looked after.

"On the last tour of England we played 35 matches in six months on non-stop six days a week — I'd hate to hear the 'screams' that would come if we offered to play 15 of these matches to fall in the life with this latest MCC programme."

"This move can only harm country cricket in Australia," China Mail Special.

Home Rugger Results

London, Apr. 23. Results in tonight's Rugby Union and League matches were:

at Rugby Union

Bedford 6, Cardiff 5.

Coventry 10, Leicester 11.

Reading 6, Exeter 10.

at Rugby League

Bradford 13, York 23.

Leeds 21, Rochdale Hornets 13.

Leigh 14, Wigan 28. —Reuter.

DAVIS CUP

Ceylon Lead Malaya 2-1

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 23. Ceylon, winning the Domesday Cup, took a 2-1 lead over Malaya in their Eastern Zone semi-final of the Davis Cup here when R. W. Fernando and B. I. Pinto beat Moses Tay and Khong Kit-soon 6-2, 6-4, 6-1.

The last two Singles matches will be played tomorrow. The winners of the tie meet Japan or the Philippines. —Reuter.

THE GAMBOLS

By Barry Appleby

YOU WERE TOO QUICK TO LEAVE DOWN THE GOLF COURSE

WHEN THIS IS A LONG TIME AGO

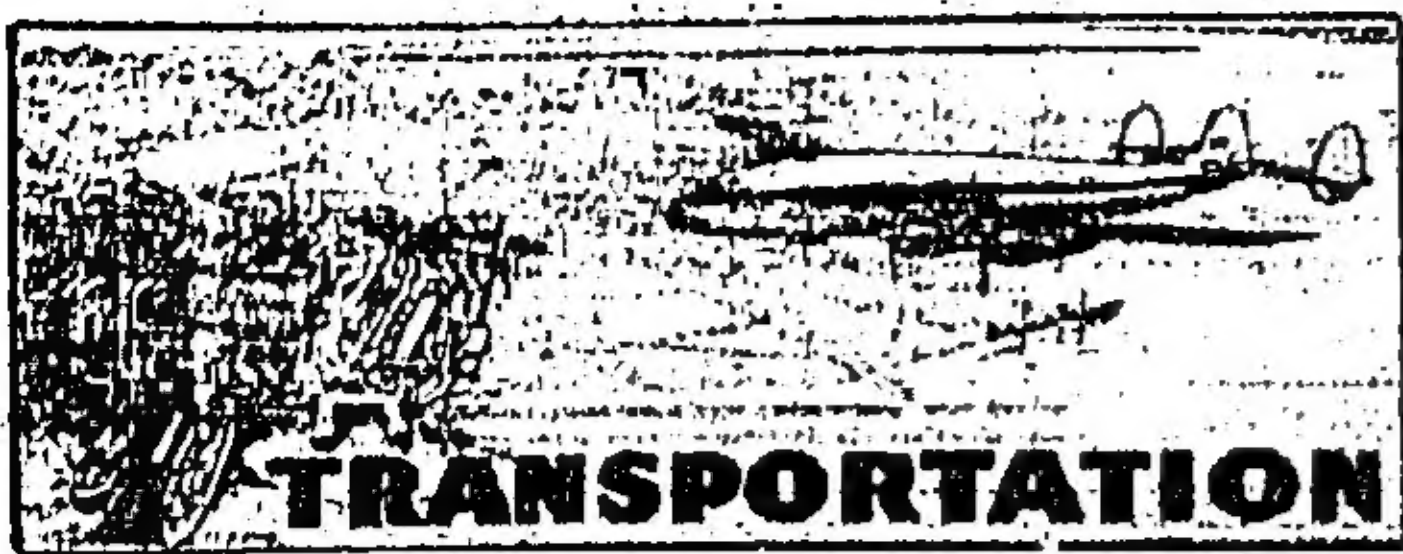
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FATIGUE TESTS FOR CARAVELLE

Toulouse, Apr. 23. Pressure and sound are among the tests administered to pre-production Caravelles at the aeronautical testing laboratory of E.A.T. in Toulouse.

E.A.T. — Etablissement Aeronautique de Toulouse — is a government-operated laboratory serving the French aircraft industry. Most of the equipment is self-invented and constructed.

The Caravelle testing programme is the largest in E.A.T. history and ranks among the most extensive anywhere in the world. Two prototype Caravelles have been built by Sud Aviation exclusively for this purpose.

HUGE TANK

One of these is now inside a huge tank with a capacity of 1,000 tons of water, on the E.A.T. grounds. The wings project through the walls of the drydock-like tank.

Fatigue tests, scheduled to simulate 30,000 flying hours, will begin in this tank in early June. In each test the aircraft will encounter the same stresses and loads as on an actual flight, from take-off to landing.

Water pumped into the fuselage at a higher pressure than the surrounding water will create the same conditions as in the pressurized area at high altitude.

At the same time, jacks applied to the wings, tail and landing gear will subject the aircraft to actual flight loads.

Inspectors have taken skin diving training to be able to follow the testing programme in the tank.

Most of the inspection, however, will take place during the day, when the tank is drained. The reservoir for the tank has been constructed as a public swimming pool.

Following the programme of 30,000 simulated hours, fatigue tests will continue to the limit of endurance.

The second prototype Caravelle built for E.A.T. testing is now undergoing static tests.

FLOOR-ATTACHED

In these tests, the wings are pulled upwards by jacks attached to the ceiling, while the fuselage is held down by floor-attached jacks.

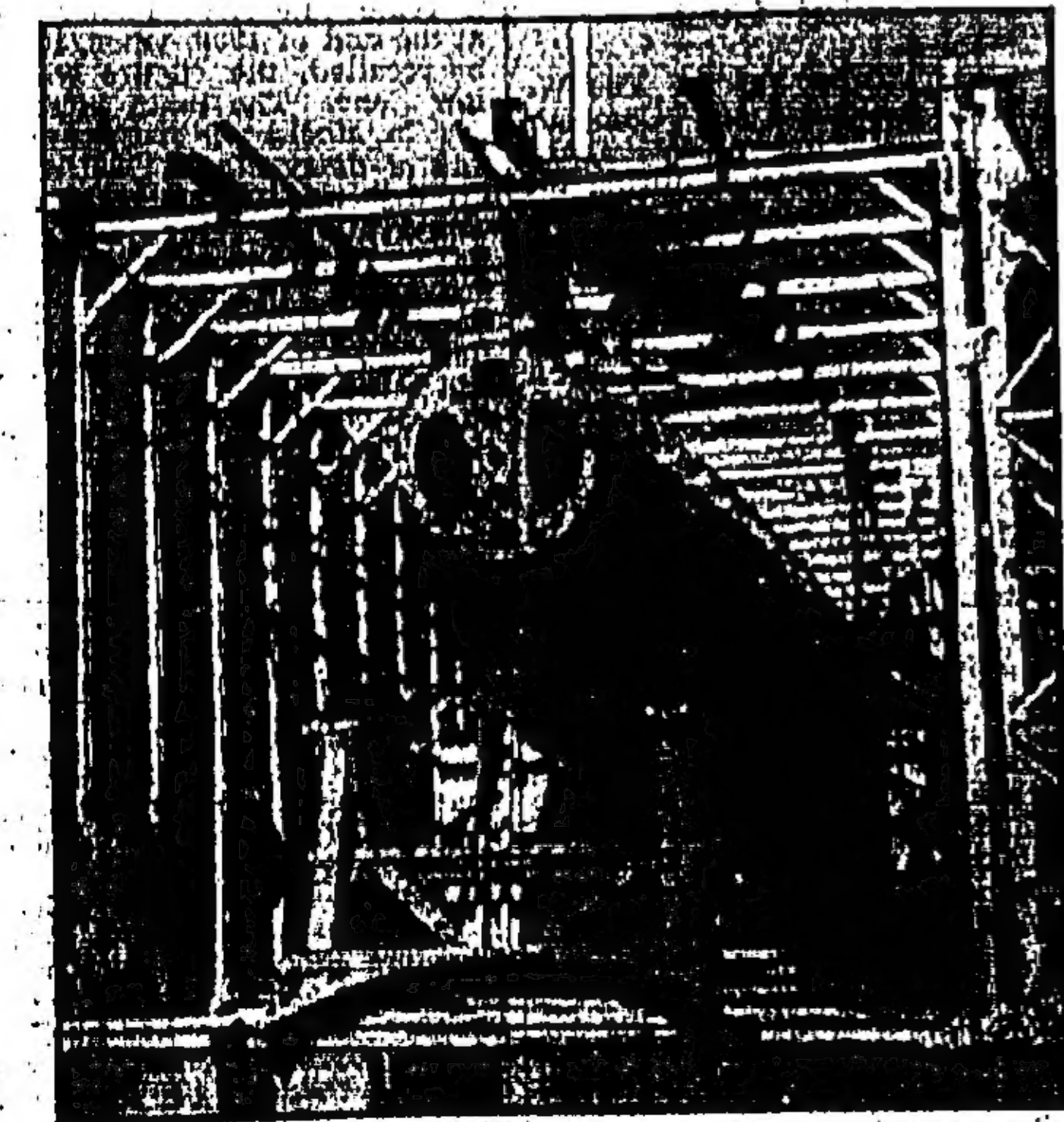
As increasing loads are applied, the wing tips will be pulled up more than three feet and tests will continue until breakage occurs.

For one structure of the aircraft, static tests have been concluded without breakage; the stabiliser, where stresses up to 2.1 times the design loads were applied.

It was then decided to preserve the full section for a third type of test of major importance.

This is the ultrasonic fatigue test programme, through which the effect on the structure of the jet stream from the engines is studied.

Scandinavian Airlines System has six of Sud-Aviation's 500-mile-an-hour medium-range jet liners on order, with an option on 10 more.



One of two prototype Caravelles built exclusively for tests at E.A.T. has been introduced into a huge water tank where it will undergo fatigue tests corresponding to 30,000 flying hours.

ATOM-POWERED MERCHANT SHIPS

London, Apr. 24. NUCLEAR-POWERED merchant ships of conventional size are unlikely to be competitive for several years, Lloyd's Register of Shipping annual report for 1957 said today.

But the report was optimistic that "future improved types of fuel" will not only make possible more compact power plants but will permit longer periods between refuelling.

It noted the "essential" need for more experience in operation of marine nuclear power reactors and improved reactor designs and paid tribute to US and Russian projects in this field.

RELIABILITY

The report said that while experiments so far had shown the reliability of marine nuclear reactors, the combination of capital costs and fuel costs is not at present attractive to shipowners.

Lloyd's chairman, Kenneth Pollock, said the increase in the number of ships sailing under "flags of convenience" was one of the features of 1957.

Others were political "obstructions," which he said Lloyd's faced in some parts of the world, and the reduction in orders for British shipyards. He did not say which countries the political obstructions came from.

But he said: "On the one hand we, a non-political body, meet with obstructions from political motives and on the other we find that few, if any, want to dispense with our services."

FACTORS

"It would not be out of place to say that the factors affecting the shipping industry are of a complex nature. In the society's scope, no deviation from international-accepted standards is permitted whatever a vessel's flag."

On the question of the cut in shipping orders to British shipyards, the report said the fall was not peculiar to UK shipbuilders but was being felt in every shipping-building country.

It said it doubtless was caused largely by the low-level of freight rates in the tramp and oil tanker trades.—United Press.

AIR INDIA TRIAL TO MOSCOW

New Delhi, Apr. 22. AIR India International announced today that it will make a proving flight to Moscow on May 13.

A spokesman said India will operate a Super-Constellation flight to Moscow via Tashkent, and Russia will fly a jet TU-104 to New Delhi.—United Press.

KLM ROUTE

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 23. KLM (Royal Dutch Air Lines) recently extended its Far Eastern service to Kuala Lumpur.

KLM aircraft will in future call at the Malayan capital once a week on flights to and from Europe.—Reuter.

The New York Stock Market

New York, Apr. 23. Stocks experienced a flurry of strength late today when former Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey issued a statement on the US economy.

Stocks closed well above their lows but the rally failed to carry through, leaving most prices below the day's best.

International Nickel, a weak spot, fell more than 2 points on another 10 per cent cut in nickel output set for the first of May. Several special issues had losses running from 1 to 3 points. Autos ruled firm and several of the oils managed to record gains.

Humphrey, speaking at the annual meeting of National Steel Corp., said the nation's economy is coasting along at what seems to be the bottom and the next move should be upward.

He pointed out the chemicals in that group.

Alcoa improved with a long lift fractionally higher. American Airlines gained a point in the oil which had moved narrowly most of the day.

Consolidated Edison rose a point to a new high in the utilities.

Among the issues making new tops were American Cyanamid, General Motors, General Foods, International Telephone, South American Gold & Platinum, Underwood, and United Industries.

Big blocks of American Motors, including one of 15,000 shares and one of 12,000 shares, lifted that issue into top place in turnover which was higher than yesterday. Other active issues included Studebaker, Continental Motors, and Hupac.

Volume totalled 2,720,000 shares compared with 2,440,000 on Tuesday. Of a total 1,164 issued trades, 497 were higher, 410 lower.

On the American Stock Exchange sales were 690,000 shares compared with 690,000 shares yesterday.

Bond volume fell to \$5,900,000 from \$9,210,000 yesterday.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 Industrials 450.11
50 Utilities 100.06
15 Railroads 76.59
60 Stocks 155.33
10 Bonds 119.08
Comm.-future price index 156.24

Closing Prices

Alden Inc. Apy. 20 1/2
Allied Chemicals 24 1/2
Allis-Chalmers 23 1/2
Am. Druggists 20 1/2
American Airlines 20 1/2
American Cable & Radio 4 1/2
American Cyanamid Co. 45 1/2
Am. & Foreign Power 45 1/2
Am. Gas & Electric 35 1/2
Am. Mach. & Foundry 35 1/2
Commercial Union 20 1/2
Continental Illinois 20 1/2
Continental Oil of Del. 20 1/2
Crown Zellerbach 20 1/2
Cyanamid Corp. 45 1/2
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WATER SUPPLY CUT

A leak developed yesterday in one of the tunnels bringing water from Tai Lam Reservoir. Water was being lost at a rate estimated at about a million gallons a day.

Waterworks Engineers who surveyed the area last night recommended that the tunnel be put out of action immediately so that a full investigation can be made and necessary repair work put in hand.

This means that it will not be possible to draw any water for the time being from the Tai Lam Reservoir and that the Colony will have to rely for supply exclusively on the old reservoirs.

Supply hours are therefore being reduced immediately and with effect from tomorrow there will be only one supply period daily of five hours from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

STATEMENT

According to a statement by the Director of Public Works, the Hon. A. Inglis, the leak developed near the mouth of one of the tunnels near the San Miguel Brewery at Tsun Wan.

The extent of the damage cannot yet be assessed but, says the Director, the tunnel must be put out of action and repairs started immediately otherwise there is grave danger of a landslide which could block the tunnel completely and cause damage which might take months to repair.

"It is impossible," said Mr. Inglis, "to say at this stage how long it will take to repair the present damage but it could take three or four weeks or even longer. This is merely a preliminary guess. We want to know how long the job will actually take until the engineers have been inside the tunnel and have tracked down the source of the leak."

"We don't know what we are going to find inside. Again guessing, I think it is probable that a fault developed what to all appearance was solid rock and that the water found a weak seam."

"As most people know, the rocks of this Colony vary from the extremely hard solid rock to rotten rock, largely composed of clay and sandy materials. Even the solid rock is frequently variable in texture and fracture and faulted by seams of softer material."

FRACTURE

"The increased pressure caused by the water may have caused such a fracture. In the tunnel walls to expand and thus a leak has developed."

"Until the leak has been repaired it will not be possible to draw any water from Tai Lam Chung and consequently we shall have to rely on the old reservoirs."

"There is no cause for alarm because at eight o'clock this morning, the old reservoirs contained 2,017 million gallons, which is a good deal more than we have had at this time of the year on many occasions since 1946."

"But we cannot maintain present supplies without the Tai Lam water and the new filtration plant at Tsun Wan."

"The filtration and distribution capacity of the old reservoirs is only about 42 million gallons a day. Over the last few days, with supply at ten hours daily, consumption has averaged 52 million gallons a day."

"It is therefore obvious that the supply hours will have to be cut for the time being in order to reduce consumption to a figure which our plant can handle—something in the neighbourhood of 40 million gallons a day. We think this can be done by reducing supply hours to five daily and, as an emergency measure, we are

Red Patrols Intercept Junks

Macao, Apr. 24. Local fishing guilds and "lams" reported today that during the week, eight fishing junks have been intercepted by Communist patrol launches in the vicinity of Macao waters. Some of them have been detained and taken to Lappa Island, but others were only warned to join the Government co-operatives or face the consequences. Those detained were later released after the masters had signed a declaration, which ties them to the co-operatives. —France-Press.

GOVERNOR VISITS MEMORIAL CENTRE

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Robert Black, paid a visit to the King George V Memorial Centre in Hospital Road this morning to see the social welfare organisations there.

His Excellency was accompanied by Mr. D. W. B. Baron, Director of Social Welfare. The Centre, administered by the Hongkong Council for Social Service, houses the Society for the Protection of Children, the Family Welfare Society and the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association.

His Excellency was shown around the Centre by Mrs. M. I. Palmer, Secretary of HKCSS, Mrs. M. Meakin, Secretary of SPC, and Mrs. E. L. Ellis, and Mrs. F. Yeoh of the Family Welfare Society.

Before going to the Centre, His Excellency, accompanied by Mr. Baron, visited the Southern Playground, where he was met by Mrs. L. Hall, Secretary of the Children's Playground Association.

PRINCESS VISITS FACTORY

Port Of Spain, Apr. 23. Princess Margaret today toured the Commonwealth's biggest sugar production factory here and saw sugar processed from the cane into bags of the finished product.

Despite heat-wave sunshine which melted wax on the roads, she managed to look cool in a new short-length, yellow and forget-me-not blue silk spotted dress.

She also wore a matching mushroom-shaped hat in pleated spotted silk.

On her 20-mile drive from Port Of Spain to the factory, the Princess passed through villages along the island's west coast where crowds of flag-waving schoolchildren were gathered.

Cane-cutters in the sugar plantations dropped their cutlasses and dashed to the roadside as her car passed. —Reuter.

putting this scheme into effect as from tomorrow and will be supplying water only between the hours of 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

PROVISIONAL

"I should perhaps emphasize that these hours of supply are provisional and subject to change. It will obviously on how things go during the next few days."

"The public can rest assured that we shall do our best to restore normal supply at the earliest possible date."

"We have already cut off the flow of water from Tai Lam into the tunnel and will give the very highest priority to the repair work."

8 APPEALS DISMISSED BY COURT

Five appeals against sentences and three against convictions were dismissed by the Full Court this morning.

The Court comprised Mr Justice T. J. Gould, Acting Chief Justice, and Mr Justice C. W. Rees.

Mr D. E. Greenfield, Crown Counsel, represented the Crown. The first case involved three appellants, Wong Kai-lin, 34, unemployed, Chu Fai, 32, unemployed, and Chow Koy-shu, 41, gentry broker. They had been given two, four and three years respectively for conspiracy, in connection with the seizure of a quantity of forged American banknotes.

Chu and Chow had also been convicted respectively of possession of forged banknotes and possession of implements of forgery.

A FAVOUR

Asking for a reduction of sentence, Wong said he had a mother, two younger brothers and a pregnant wife to support. Chu said that because the appellant had previously found him a job, he had him a favour by storing the counterfeit notes for him. Chow asked the Court to consider his clean record.

Mr Justice Gould told the appellants that the crimes they had committed were serious, and that in fact the sentences passed on them were rather lenient.

Another case involved three others, Kot Sin-yue, 31, Hau Shiu-chi, 22, and Lee Hui-shan, 28, all unemployed. The first two were respectively given six years and 10 strokes and five years and 10 strokes by Mr Justice A. D. Scholes for robbery. The third was sentenced to three years for receiving stolen property.

All three appealed against convictions, and denied the allegations that had been made against them. Hau applied, in addition, for the corporal punishment to be struck off, saying he had been injured a year ago in a motor accident and was not fit for caning. Hau said he did not mind if his sentence was increased if the corporal punishment was remitted.

CORRECT FINDING

The Acting Chief Justice told the prisoners that they had told their stories to the jury and they had found them guilty. Having read the record of the trial, the Full Court was satisfied that the jury were correct in their finding.

As to Hau's plea, His Lordship said the appeal had only been against conviction, but in any event the Court did not consider the sentence imposed on Hau to be excessive.

Chan Man-lung, alias Chan Kwan, 25, unemployed, appealed against the sentence of six years passed by Mr Justice Scholes for six counts of house-breaking and larceny. He said he had showed repentance, and that this should have been taken into account by the Trial Judge when sentence was imposed.

Mr Justice Gould told Chan that the Trial Judge must have considered the number and nature of the offenses, which were well-planned and deliberate, and also his previous convictions.

EARN LIVING

Tsui Man, 30, unemployed, who was given three years by District Judge R. H. Mills-Owen, for breach of a deportation order, asked for a reduction so that he could go to Macao where his mother was and where he could earn a living.

He said the only reason why he returned to Hongkong, following his deportation was that he intended to go to Macao. Mr Justice Gould said the Full Court did not consider the sentence to be too severe.

Exhibition

An exhibition of oil paintings and water colours by Mr Luis Chen was opened by Mr and Mrs Fung Ping-fan at St John's Cathedral Hall this morning. The exhibition, consisting of 63 oils and 48 watercolours, will close on Saturday afternoon.

BICYCLE STOLEN

A Chinese was arrested on Tuesday and is being questioned, about the theft of a bicycle from Stanley Terrace on April 2.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"You were elected publicity chairman of our Jolly Gypsies club membership drive—your father being a retired advertising man!"

Defendant Denies Part In Tsun Wan Robbery

A denial that he took any part in the robbery was made by the first of three accused unemployed men, when he testified on his own behalf before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg and a Jury of six men and a woman in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The first accused, Yu Ching-lin, 27, who is jointly charged with Kwan Lok, 24, and Ip Keng, 24, declared he was working at a food stall when the robbery took place. It is alleged that the three accused with another person not in custody entered a grocery shop in Castle Peak Road, Tsun Wan, shortly after midnight on January 3, on the pretext of buying some commodity, and then robbed the proprietor of a fountain pen, a bangle, five rings, and a sum of \$1,050 in banknotes.

At Food Stall

Prosecuting is Mr Desmond Mayne, Crown Counsel, assisted by DDI G. Fergus.

In evidence, first accused declared he took no part in the robbery. He was working at a food stall on Downing Street, and at the time of the crime he was at the stall.

First accused said that he resigned on January 5 to return to the country, as he had received a letter asking him to do so.

In cross-examination, first accused alleged that he was threatened by the police when he signed a confession admitting the robbery. He said the police wanted to get a conviction against him, possibly because one of their "informers" bore him a grudge.

He agreed he did not make such allegations during committal proceedings, because he reserved his defence at the trial.

Earlier Mr William Ma, Police Interpreter testified that he took two statements from the second and third accused, in answer to a charge of robbery. He denied beating up anybody during the taking of the statements.

Mr Mayne: Are you in the habit of beating people up? Witness: Never.

Objected

The second accused had objected to the statement, alleging ill-treatment by the witness. After evidence was taken in the absence of the jury, the two statements were admitted in evidence.

The accused admitted in their statements, which were read to the Court, to having taken part in the robbery.

Mr G. Fergus, DDI Tsun Wan at the relevant period, said he was present at the time of charging the second and third accused. Mr Ma, the last witness, was the interpreter.

Mr Fergus declared no duress whatsoever was used on the accused before they made the statements in answer to the charge.

Witness said that the statement made by the first accused was available if he (first accused) wanted it. In answer to the Court, Mr Fergus said that the interpreter who took that statement was dead. Hearing is continuing.

Structure Of HK Business

A Presidential Address on "The Structure of Business in Hongkong and the Problems of Business Education" by Prof. E. S. Kirby, B.Sc. (Econ.), Ph.D. (Lond.), President of the Economic Society, University of Hongkong, will be delivered tomorrow at 5.15 p.m. in Room 211, University Main Building. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend.

Thefts From Vehicles

A Chinese has been detained following the theft of two bottles of mineral water from a lorry parked in Tai On Street, near Main Street West, Shaukiwan, on Tuesday.

Another Chinese was arrested yesterday on suspicion of having stolen a quantity of tooth-paste from a van parked in Des Voeux Road Central.

A handbag containing cash and property to a total value of \$275 was stolen from No. 52, Leighton Hill, fifth floor yesterday.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER (In America)



"Just forget I'm a peasant, Mr. Palvermacher, and think of me as a warm, human, emotionally underprivileged personality."

DAIRY FARM NET PROFIT UP BY OVER SIX LAKHS

The Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd made a net profit of \$4,696,948 in the 12 months ending December 31 last year and the Directors recommend payment of a final dividend of \$1.25 per share in addition to the interim dividend of 55 cents per share declared payable in October 1957.

The Directors' report presented by the Chairman of the Board, the Hon. S. N. Chau, recommends that a sum of \$375,000 be transferred to Provision for Staff Retirement and Superannuation Scheme, \$500,000 to General Reserve, \$550,340.33 to Provision for Corporation Profits Tax.

After these transfers and payments of dividends it is recommended that a sum of \$222,211.10 is to be carried forward to the next financial year. The Hon. S. N. Chau, in his statement to shareholders, which will be presented at the 88th Annual General Meeting to be held at Windsor House on May 2, said:

Review Of Year

The year was a very satisfactory one and but for the serious outbreak of foot and mouth disease in our herd which occurred in the early part of December the results would have been even better.

Since 1954 the herd has been vaccinated at regular intervals against the A and O types of foot and mouth disease but unfortunately there is no vaccine available from any source for the type Asia 1 which infected our herd. These are, of course, other types of the disease but these three types are those which we have to contend with in this part of the world. The disease has now run its course and the farm is completely clear. All milk from infected cows was destroyed but the losses in cattle through the disease were, fortunately, relatively small, only 28 having died or having had to be destroyed. The possible effects of foot and mouth disease are difficult to assess but at this date a number of cows are producing less milk than we would normally have expected. Furthermore the possible adverse effects on our breeding programme are not yet fully known. These factors may compel us to consider importing some new stock later in the year. Our thanks are due to the Government and the Veterinary Department whose efforts through the various branches of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry and the Government Veterinary Officers, have been of great assistance given to us throughout by the Director of Agriculture.

The demand for fresh milk and recombinant "Blue Seal" milk was as strong as ever and ice cream sales reached a new record last. The turnover of our retail shops and restaurants increased but the tendency toward lower profit margins in this section of our business, which was mentioned last year, has continued to affect trading results.

The lease of the Gloucester Lounge was renewed for a further period of five years from July 1, 1957. The new rental, though a reasonable one for this location, is considerably higher than the previous rental and to cover it this restaurant will have to maintain a high turnover.

Sales of frozen meat to the markets were brisk during the first six months of the year, but very large quantities of live cattle and pigs were imported during the second half of the year and thereby considerably curtailed the demand for frozen meat. The abandonment by the Government of the import quota control on frozen meat with effect from July 1, 1957 resulted in a considerable increase in the number of concerns importing this commodity, some of which are new to the trade.

It was a good year for our cold stores which were full for most of the time and our ice sales once more reached record figures.

Shareholders will recall that a sale and purchase agreement was concluded on September 21, 1955, with Henry Fok Estates Ltd for the development of your Company's property at 74/76/78 Nathan Road in Kowloon. The building erected on this property, Manson House, was not entirely completed

during 1957 owing mainly to delays arising out of the Suez crisis. The basement and first floors of the ground and first floors of the new building covered by the agreement had, however, been completed and handed over to the Company for occupation by early January 1958 and consequently it seems appropriate to report at this time that the deed assigning the property to Henry Fok Estates Ltd was executed on January 10, 1958. By the terms of the sale and purchase agreement Henry Fok Estates Ltd have acquired the site for \$900,000 and your Company has leased the basement and the major part of the ground and first floors on very favourable terms for the duration of the Crown Lease which expires in 2038. The remainder of the ground and first floor areas has been rented by the Company to commercial firms to provide for the possible future expansion of our business. In the meantime this section has been sub-let to The Shui King Co., Ltd as a department store. Your Company's new retail store on the ground floor of this building was opened on October 2, 1957. It is operated as a self-service store although provision is made in a separate section of the premises for sales on a credit basis and with delivery, if required, at the slightly higher prices which apply in our other stores for such sales.

On January 8, 1958, our new restaurant on a great floor on "Golden Phoenix" was opened. This seats approximately 200 people, and facilities have been provided for dancing in the evenings. It is some years since the Company opened its customers in Kowloon that our shop and restaurant facilities would be improved and we are confident they will agree that the new shop and restaurant now available to them in Kowloon are second to none in the Colony.

Plans for development at Aberdeen progressed rather more slowly than we had hoped but towards the end of the year the Government gazetted its proposals to grant certain extensions to our property there as well as to Aberdeen Permanent Hotel No. 1 which, as reported in 1957, your Company was purchasing. These extensions have now been approved and we expect to finalise matters with Government in the near future. We are pleased to be able to report that as Shareholders are aware that it has been the Company's intention for some time to extend its facilities at Aberdeen. Enquiries for ice plant with a capacity of up to 80 tons per day have already been made and the manufacturing plant and building-work is expected to commence shortly. This increased production now planned at Aberdeen will further strengthen the Company's position in the ice business.

Total Cost

The premises at 44 Yee Wo Street, which your Company has leased for many years, came on the market during the year and were purchased by us at a total cost of \$132,283. This property is on a well located site measuring 1,091 sq. ft. and comprises a 4 storey building, in the ground-floor of which we operate a retail store, while the upper floors are used as staff quarters.

During the year there has been a considerable increase in the Company's exports of quick frozen fish as well as in the processing and quick freezing of prawns for export by other local concerns. Your Directors have now under consideration plans for the expansion of our existing quick freezing facilities which are now rapidly becoming inadequate for the volume of business which is offering.

A great deal of consideration has been given during the year to the question of the repair and/or reconstruction of the older portions of our East Point property. This is a very

complex problem because of the necessity for ensuring that we shall be able to maintain our operations at their fullest capacity throughout any rebuilding that may be necessary. The study of this problem is not yet complete but has progressed to the point where now seems to be a suitable programme can be decided upon in the fairly near future and meanwhile such work as is immediately necessary has been or is being carried out.

In view of the progress being made in the construction of the new airport at Kai Tak, it will shortly be necessary for the Company to construct a permanent building within the airport perimeter in which to house our aircraft catering operations. In view of the fact that at present, housed in a temporary building nearby which was erected in November 1955 to enable us to continue to give this service to aircraft pending the allocation to us of a permanent site.

Accounts

The Working Profits for the year, \$3,814,585.58, was over \$227,000 higher than in 1956. Owing to the number of additions to capital assets during both 1956 and 1957, the aggregate amount of charges to the Profit and Loss Account for the year under review in respect of Depreciation was necessarily considerably higher than in 1956. Nevertheless the Net Profit for the year, at \$4,696,948.08, was nearly \$7,000 greater than the previous year. In view of this increase in Net Profit your Directors have recommended a Final Dividend of \$1.25 per share in addition to the Interim Dividend of 55 cents per share declared payable on 10th October last. This dividend, together with the Interim Dividend of \$1.80 per share for the year, the other appropriations of profit recommended by your Directors are a transfer of \$500,000 to the General Reserve and an additional \$375,000 to the Provision for Staff Retirement and Superannuation Schemes to bring this Provision to a figure which adequately covers the Company's current accrued liability in respect of these schemes.

The Profit and Loss Account includes a charge of \$118,400, to provide a bonus to staff which has been approved by your Directors.

In the Balance Sheet, the materials which have accounted for the increase in Fixed Assets are the purchase of the 44 Yee Wo Street property, new East Point Dairy and Cold Storage Plant and Machinery, new Kowloon Ice Plant equipment, and the purchase of the Manson House premises.

The value of Stocks on Hand, together with Goods in Transit, is some \$1,515,000 higher than at the end of 1956, when it will be recalled, the figure was a low one. The main increases are in stocks of frozen meats and of dairy stores. All stocks at the end of the year were conservatively valued and comprise fully marketable goods and stores in good condition. Sundry Debtors and Debt Balances are at a normal level and call for no comment except to say that the Reserve for Bad Debts, unchanged at the figure of \$75,000, is considered ample to cover any debts which may presently be thought doubtful.

Under the heading "Capital and Reserves" in the Balance Sheet, shareholders will notice an increase in the "Cattle Reserve" of \$140,000. This represents the excess of monthly charges for cattle wastage debited to Working Account over the cost of culling or the value of dead or dying animals realised from sales of carcasses. Your Directors consider it prudent to permit the Cattle Reserve to increase in this manner in view of the possible effects on the recent outbreak of foot and mouth disease.

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